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1. FACT THAT A NUMBER OF PROPOSED US CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOINT FUND RELATE TO PROJECTS SIGNED AS FAR BACK AS 1967 HAS GIVEN RISE TO ERRONEOUS, BUT APPARENTLY SINCERELY HELD, POLISH APPREHENSION THAT US IS ATTEMPTING TO INTERMINGLE OVERHANG OBLIGATIONS WITH JOINT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AND THEREBY REDUCE TOTAL AMOUNT OF S&T SPENDING IN POLAND. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SCIATT AND CHOWANIEC ON JANUARY 8 AND 10 INDICATE THAT BEST WAY TO RESOLVE ISSUED IS THROUGH STATEMENT IN WRITING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR DR. CHOWANIEC: RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES MADE EVIDENT THE NEED TO CLARIFY OUR UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE DSITINCTION BETWEEN US CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MARIE SKLODOWSKA CURIE JOINT FUND AND PAYMENTS OF OBLIGATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECTS SIGNED BEFORE THE CREATION OF THIS FUND.

B. THE US POSITION IS THAT ANY OBLIGATIONS BY PARTICIPATING

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US AGENCIES AFTER OCTOBER 8, 1974, WILL BE CONSIDERED A

CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND. THIS NATURALLY INCLUDES OBLIGATIONS UNDER ALL PROJECTS SIGNED AFTER THAT DATE, BUT MAY ALSO INCLUDE EXTENSIONS OF MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING PROJECTS REQUIRING A NEW OBLIGATION OF FUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 8, 1974.

C. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING ARRIVED AT DURING THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT BOARD, PAYMENTS UNDER OBLIGATIONS DATED BEFORE OCTOBER 8, 1974, FOR S&T COOPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH POLAND BY US AGENCIES WILL CONTINUE UNDER THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BEFORE THE CREATION OF THE JOINT FUND; IN NO CASE WILL THE PAYMENTS BE COUNTED AS US CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND. ACCORDING TO OUR BEST ESTIMATES, PAYMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE, OR ARE TO BE MADE, UNDER THE OLD PROCEDURES AMOUNT TO \$20.16 MILLION EQUIVALENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED UP TO JUNE 30, 1973, AND \$9.7 MILLION EQUIVALENT FOR AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN FISCAL YEAR 1974.

D. DR. GANLEY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTICIPATING US AGENCIES HAVE REVIEWED AND CONCUR IN THE ABOVE STATEMENTS. I TRUST THIS LETTER WILL PERMIT POLISH AGREEMENT TO THE INITIAL US CONTRIBUTIONS PROPOSED LAST MONTH AND A RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT FUND. SINCERELY,
ASGREENBERG. END TEXT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR LETTER SUGGESTED PARA ONE WITH SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. CHOWANIEC CLAIMS THAT FIGURE OF \$20.16 MILLION EQUIVALENT FOR OBLIGATIONS BEFORE JUNE 30, 1973, WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY GANLEY DURING FEBRUARY 4, 1974, MEETING IN WARSAW (IT WAS CONTAINED IN POLISH NOTE FO MARCH 19, 1974, TRANSMITTED PARA 4 B REF A). FIGURE OF \$9.7 MILLION EQUIVALENT FOR FY 74 OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN OCTOBER 7, 1974, GANLEY LETTER TO CHOWANIEC. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT RESTATEMENT OF THESE AMOUNTS IN PROPOSED SCIATT LETTER TO CHOWANIEC WOULD BE USEFUL IN ALLAYING POLISH APPREHENSIONS; HOWEVER, THEY COULD BE DROPPED IF DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THSI WOULD DELAY CLEARANCE OR POSSIBLY CREATE ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS LATER.
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